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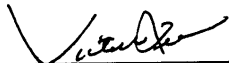
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Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time to file an executed declaration in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371, dated October 18, 2000. This petition is for an extension of time originally set for response on November 18, 2000. With the granting of this request, the time for response is February 18, 2001.

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